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# Letter from Janet E. Davison, Wellesley, Massachusetts, to Mrs. R. J. Davison, Bath, New York, 1911 November 15

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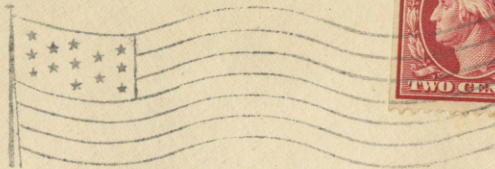
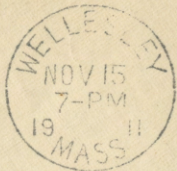
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Mrs. R. J. Davison,  
6 E. Washington Ave.,  
Bath,  
New York.





Dearest Mother, —

Tues. noon.

I have 'about 5 min. before lunch so will begin a letter to go in my laundry tomorrow A. M. Your letter came Sat. A. M. & I was relieved to find that you can at least use your eyes. But please don't be reckless; & isn't that chaffis awfully hard on your eyes? I should think it would be. I wore my yellow dress down to dinner & out in the P. M. Sunday on the strength of having my blue one sometime soon. Patience must be great company for you. Shall take comfort in my pink kimono beyond a doubt. Yesterday (no, day before) I had a letter from Aunt C. in which it was evident that you'd been telling that I got good grades. Now that isn't so & you needn't tell anyone that till I get a straight credit which I probably shall never do. Of course some girls flunked str. thru & a great many only got 2 + 3 hrs. credit, but I'm shamed to death to think that I couldn't get a grade of at least 70, 70 in everything. It scarcely seems impossible.

Isn't Bath the nastiest hole imaginable? It just waits for an opportunity to tell a fib. Mr. H — would best look out. And isn't the Pres. Church a hole, too! It does seem as if they'd put a little more confidence in the com. whom they've chosen to represent them.

Auntie's letter was simply the "blessedest"



thing & how well he's doing! He must have  
steadied down a whole lot. I'm going to  
put his letter in my mem. book where I  
can spare it from the dresser-mirror.  
Bless his heart, I wish he did have a  
little sister. Remember my bargain.

I still have some stamps left but I  
need more postals. am sending  $1\frac{1}{2}$  doz  
views of college which you people haven't  
yet seen. And say, the Student Building  
Fair comes 1 wk. from Mon. (that is, the  
27<sup>th</sup>) & I simply haven't had time to  
make anything for it, so if there are a  
couple of things (little jiggers) in the  
store that might do on a pinch, please  
send 'em along. College Hall is to be  
a "Modern Department Store" for the  
day & the proceeds of the sale go toward  
a big recreation building which students  
are earning in one way & another. Then  
too, I need  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yds. pink moire ribbon  
for a hair bow as mine is a little the  
worse for wear, & also want my biology  
text book & note-book for reference.

We have Hygiene test Thurs. & Math.  
test Sat. We've covered Books VI, VII  
& VIII in Durell's Solid Geom. & I don't  
know a thing about it. However, I'll try  
to make out better than I did before.  
"And if I pass, and if I pass" — I'm  
going to put the "Failed" paper in my  
memory book.

I'm in an awful mess really. You see,



a long time ago Mary<sup>2</sup> Roca asked me to go to the Soph. Prom. mit & I accepted. Well there, Mr. Crocker got seats for the game on the 18<sup>th</sup>, ordered dinner at the Parker House afterward, & bought tickets for some play in the eve. Now the Prom. is appointed for the 18<sup>th</sup> & I can't go to it. (It might be well to say for the benefit of my forced readers, that it is now Wed. noon & I'm not in a mess any more, - at least not in that particular one.) Well, yesterday P.M. I went to Mary & she was simply ducky about it all, so I can go to the game with a clear conscience. Did I tell you that Mrs. C — is coming out with us Sat. night & stay over Sun. & Mon. with Helen.

This P.M. at 4:15 Miss Peudleton's going to address 1916, & I expect we'll get some sort of scolding. Our class is most decidedly "in wrong". It has a rep. for being the prettiest, most frivolous, laziest & least respectful class ever in Wellesley & gets nothing but lectures & call-downs. It makes me disgusted for I don't believe we're any worse than others. But then I guess too large a proportion flunked & you can't get around that.

Your letter came yesterday P.M. & I'ma this noon. I wish I might have been home Sat. and I'm awfully glad your people had such a good time. Patience is a great addition to the family; isn't she?

Thankyou, I'll see how I get through the yr. in Math. & then if it's necessary tutor next summer. Meantime, we'll await results. I'ma says you're forwarding my warm things for the game. Strange as you



people may think it, I have some sense about wrapping up. Ruth Partridge was going to let me take her muff & I was going to buy 1 suit of underwear. Then I shall wear my Peter Dore sweater, coat & rubbers, so don't worry about the exposure. Phone to Gina first thing for she seemed worried about all this jigger.

Have just heard of another fee £45.00 for Botany. It simply beats all the way money disappears here.

Our gym. is the silliest thing & the instructor thinks she's cute & isn't & I'm not very keen on the whole proposition, excepting the shower. Why don't you & Dad get a shower for the B.R.?

If there's any Xmas shopping I can do for you people, let me know, 'cause I'd just love to & it'd be great fun.

It seems as if I've forgotten some of the things I wanted to say, but they aren't present in spirit with me now and as I must get my tomorrow's German, I'll stop. I hope someday to tell you about the girls here, but can't spare time now. As for my correspondence, I don't do as much as you seem to think. The letters I send home are mostly from you people & I want to look them over at Xmas. And I don't think I write too often to my family, so shall continue to write to you whenever I have time.

Lovingly,  
Janet.

Wed. Nov. 15, 1911.